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SUBJ: SINGAPORE VIEWS ON LOS PRESIDENCY

1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS MICHAEL CHEOK, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING LOS SESSION, TOLD EMBOFF HE FEARS THAT IN-FIGHTING OVER LOS PRESIDENCY WILL PRE-EMPT LARGE PART OF SEVEN WEEKS CONFERENCE PERIOD. LATIN GROUP OPPOSES AMERASINGHE'S RE-ELECTION, POSSIBLY IN ORDER TO PROMOTE LATIN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY. AGUILA (VENEZUELA) COULD BE LATINS' CHOICE. CHEOK SAID ASIAN GROUP WILL OPPOSE ANY LATIN CANDIDACY AND WILL INSIST THAT ANOTHER ASIAN REPLACE AMERASINGHE, IF HE DOES NOT RETAIN PRESIDENCY. MOST MENTIONED POSSIBILITY IS NANDAN (FIJI), WHO HAS FOUR OR FIVE YEARS' LOS EXPERIENCE.

2. EMBOFF ASKED WHETHER GOS AMBASSADOR TO UN TOMMY KOH IS POSSIBLE CANDIDATE. CHEOK REPLIED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM HAS DISMISSED THIS POSSIBILITY AS "UNTHINKABLE" (PROVING THAT IT OCCURRED TO SOMEONE AT LEAST IN THE MFA). RAJA REPORTEDLY FEELS "LOSS" OF KOH TO PRESIDENCY WOULD SERIOUSLY WEAKEN GOS DELEGATION AND WOULD INCUR GREATER ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN BY GOS THAN IT
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WANTS TO UNDERTAKE.

3. CHECK, WHO GLANCED OVER AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S RECENT STATEMENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID HE FOUND THEM RATHER PESSIMISTIC, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS ALSO REALISTIC. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON SIMPLY WANTED TO PUT

EVERYONE ON NOTICE THAT WE REGARD THIS SESSION AS THE
LAST CHANCE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT, AND THAT ONCE US INDUS-
TRY BEGAN SEABED MINING UNDER PROPOSED LEGISLATION, IT
WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO REVERSE PROCESS TOWARD
MULTILATERAL CONTROL.

4. AMBASSADOR KOH WILL BE JOINED IN GENEVA BY CHEOK,
CHAO HICK TIN, AND S. JAYAKUMAR; I.E., VIRTUALLY EVERY-
ONE WHO KNOWS MUCH ABOUT LOS IN SINGAPORE. THIS MEANS,
AS CHEOK AGREED, THAT GOS DELEGATION WILL MAKE ITS OWN
DECISIONS ON THE SPOT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENT
HERE. EXCEPTION TO THIS MIGHT BE QUESTION OF LOS
PRESIDENCY, WHERE GOS MIGHT WISH TO CONSULT WITH ASEAN
PARTNERS.
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